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Field Crops Report

As of August 4, **cotton** setting bolls was complete. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 15 percent open, compared with 16 percent last year and 10 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 41 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 15 percent moderate, and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 37 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 4 percent good. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock Water was reported as short. Soil Moisture was reported as short. Insect Damage was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped black seedless grapes, carrots, dry onions and watermelons.

Western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, flame seedless grapes, honeydews and watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State continued to be slightly above average. For the week ending August 3, temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Tucson, to 5 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 49 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 2.47 inches at Douglas. Only two reporting stations are above 50 percent of normal for this time of year.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JULY 28 TO AUGUST 3, 2002

	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	3	98	57	0.03	2.12	4.87
Casa Grande	90	1	109	71	0.00	0.86	4.11
Coolidge	90	1	106	75	0.00	2.16	4.72
Douglas	78	-1	94	64	2.47	5.11	6.49
Flagstaff	66	4	92	50	0.55	4.14	12.58
Gila Bend	94	1	111	78	0.00	0.23	3.46
Grand Canyon	67	3	93	49	0.17	3.21	9.54
Kingman	82	4	105	68	0.00	0.63	5.74
Parker	94	1	112	78	0.00	0.00	2.75
Payson	75	2	96	58	0.04	2.59	12.25
Phoenix	93	2	110	82	0.00	1.37	3.65
Prescott Airport	73	5	97	61	0.00	1.29	7.52
Safford Ag Center	82	1	98	66	0.00	1.96	4.56
Tucson	86	-2	98	72	0.12	3.27	5.75
Willcox	79	0	96	61	0.29	2.71	6.37
Winslow	77	2	98	60	0.00	1.26	3.86
Yuma	94	1	109	79	0.00	0.00	1.37

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.